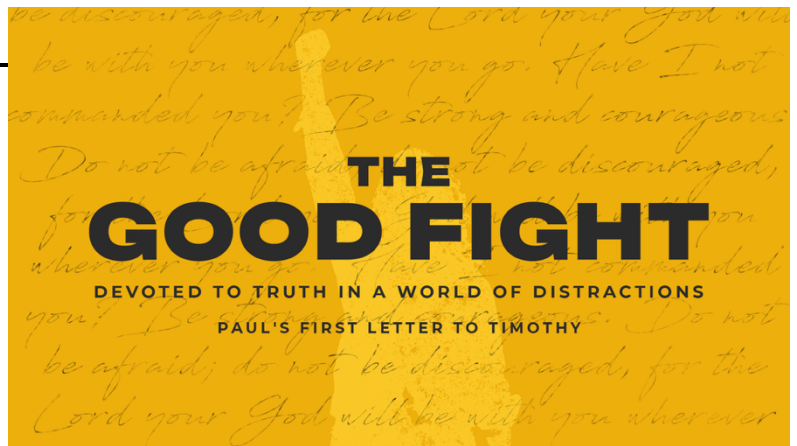


The Good Fight

Devoted to truth in a world of distractions

10 – Some Will Depart from the Faith

1 Timothy 4:1-5



1. “Pursuing godliness is dangerous.”
 - a. Describe a time when you felt discouraged in your pursuit of godliness. What were some temptations you faced? How did you endure it?
2. One of the things that is tempting about false godliness is that it is easier to measure than true growth in godliness (which often happens first in the invisible place of our hearts).
 - a. What are some outward ways you’re tempted to compare yourself against others?
 - b. What are some sins you see in others that are easy for you to judge?
3. Fundamentally God created us so that he could give to us, rather than receive from us.
 - a. Why is it so easy for us to get that backward?
 - b. What does it do to our hearts when we get the order right?
4. Paul emphasizes receiving “with thanksgiving” three times!
 - a. What are some gifts of his grace in our church that you’re prone to overlook?
 - b. How would receiving “with thanksgiving” change your approach/experience next Sunday?

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I remain in Christ as I pursue godliness while...

...rejecting false godliness (v. 1-3a)

...remembering the true gospel (v. 3b)

Genesis 2:8-9

John 3:16

Matthew 26:26-28

Revelation 21:1-4

Every time I deliberately disobey a command of God, it is because I am, in that moment, doubtful as to God's true intentions in giving me that command. Does He really have my best interests at heart? Or is He withholding something from me that I would be better off having? Such questions, whether consciously asked or not, lie underneath every act of disobedience. However, the gospel changes my view of God's commandments, in that it helps me to see the heart of the Person from whom those commandments come. When I begin my train of thought with the gospel, I realize that if God loved me enough to sacrifice His Son's life for me, then He must be guided by that same love when He speaks His commandments to me. Viewing God's commands and prohibitions in this light, I can see them for what they are: friendly signposts from a heavenly Father who is seeking to love me through each directive, so that I might experience His very fullness forever. Milton Vincent, Gospel Primer

...remaining where I began (v. 4-5)